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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Supplemental to the Reply filed on July 2, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add the following claims:

*E* 21. (New) The image decoding method according to claim 20, wherein said object display speed information is provided in an object by object basis.

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*ConX* 22. (New) The image decoding method according to claim 21, wherein said object display speed information allows for an independent object display speed for each object.

23. (New) The image decoding device of claim 6, wherein said object display speed information is provided in an object by object basis.